



**Note:** *this E-Mail Blast from the Falcon Fly Friendly Zone (FFZ) was sent to community members and tenants 4-9-09. We wanted to follow up via regular mail to make sure you received it. If we do not have your e-mail address, please contact us so that we can add you to our listing. Thank you!*

4-9-09

Dear Falcon Neighbors and Tenants,

The City is in the beginning stages of working with tenants and community members to create a new culture of Flying Friendly at Falcon Field. We are calling the program the "Fly Friendly Zone (FFZ)". Our goals are to identify and implement important procedures/rules at the Airport to:

- Minimize impacts from the airport on the surrounding community
- Balance on-airport business needs
- Ensure long-term success of the airport.

Thus far, the City has updated the Falcon Pilot's guide, installed noise abatement signs, participated in tenant and community meetings, adopted noise abatement guidelines, updated the FFZ website, created an FFZ noise info/complaint line and on-line comment form, adjusted incoming/outgoing air flight "slopes", and worked with FAA to increase traffic pattern altitudes by 200 feet.

In addition to these recent efforts, Mesa City Manager Chris Brady contacted Sabena Flight School to inform them that we intend to move immediately to identify reasonable restrictions for night flight training during non-tower hours, or 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. To ensure stakeholder involvement as we create these new rules, the City Manager's Office will convene an FFZ Ad-hoc Task Force (of neighbors, tenants and Sabena) as soon as possible in order to initiate discussions and identify a solution.

Future "FFZ e-mail blasts" will continue as new information is available. If you know someone who wants to receive these updates, please ask them to call 480-644-NOISE or to register via on-line form at [http://www.mesaaz.gov/falcon\\_field/land\\_use.aspx](http://www.mesaaz.gov/falcon_field/land_use.aspx)

In the meantime, the City Manager's Office will be contacting a representative(s) from the stakeholder groups to begin planning and scheduling the start of the FFZ Ad-hoc Task Force. If you have questions about these updates, please feel free to call 480-644-NOISE.

Thank you for your passion and investment in Mesa and being willing to be a part of this long-term, evolving effort. We appreciate your concern and involvement in finding solutions for Falcon that keep our community safe and our airport strong.